

August 1 – 3, 2004  
Sheraton West Port Hotel Lakeside Chalet  
St. Louis, Missouri

# National Symposium on Child Fatalities

# 2004 *A Decade of Experience - A Future of Promise*

## AUDIENCE

This three day symposium is designed for child fatality review teams, child sexual abuse investigators, coroners, pathologists, medical examiners, nurses, prosecutors, juvenile officers, law enforcement personnel, social workers, and advocates within the child protection community.



Presented by:  
*State Technical Assistance Team  
Division of Legal Services  
Missouri Department of Social Services and*

*National Maternal and Child Health Center for Child Death Review  
Michigan Public Health Institute*

# HISTORY OF THE CONFERENCE

In the late 1980's and early 1990's, increased state and federal interest focused on the need to find improved ways to address child abuse and fatalities. Among others, the Department of Justice and the Children's Justice Act encouraged the development of programs to improve the investigation and judicial disposition of child abuse cases and to make recommendations on fatal child abuse. States were tasked to identify needs, and develop and convert recommendations into programs and practices. In 1991, as one of the first states to address child fatality review, Missouri enacted the nation's most comprehensive child death review (CDR) system. In 1994, Missouri held a national symposium on child death review to aid in establishing child fatality review programs in other states, as well as other countries.

In 2002, through a grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, the Michigan Public Health Institute established the National Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Center for Child Death Review in Okemos, Michigan. The Center was created to provide services and resources to all who conduct child death review.

Today, most states have some form of child death review at state, local and/or regional levels. Due to the variations of programs and data collected between states, it is difficult to conduct statistical comparisons for the entire nation. It has now come time to progress to the next step of child fatality review at the national level and, at the same time, strengthen existing programs.

## PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

*The National Symposium on Child Fatalities: A Decade of Experience - A Future of Promise* showcases the value of interdisciplinary coordination and collaboration at the local, state and national level to achieve goals unattainable by individuals, single agencies or states. Each of the following issues will be introduced, defined and detailed as integral components of child death review:

- Demonstration of the need for comprehensive data collection at local, state and national levels.
- Enhancement of public and professional awareness.
- Evaluation of specific problems and possible solutions by child death review teams.
- Identification of available resources and best practices for prevention of specific types of child deaths.
- Focus on growth and change through refinement and merging of complementary systems.
- Address challenges of national institutionalization.

### **Upon completion of the program, attendees will be able to:**

- Identify resources available nationally, concerning the various aspects of how to establish and sustain a child death review team.
- Explain various state, regional and local models for child death review.
- Describe the Internet-based child death review data tool developed by the National MCH Center for Child Death Review and child death review state coordinators.
- Develop possible solutions to identified issues related to child death review.
- Discuss best practices and how to convert data to meaningful prevention strategies.
- Describe how to access available child death review support and assistance.

## ABOUT THE SPONSORING AGENCIES

The State Technical Assistance Team is a commissioned law enforcement unit of the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Legal Services. On request, they assist and support all members of the child protection community, particularly criminal justice agencies. They also manage Missouri's Child Fatality Review Program, training and supporting 115 county-based child death review panels. STAT is directed by Gus Kolilis, and Maurine Hill is the state's Child Fatality Review Program Manager. They co-chair the planning committee of the *National Symposium on Child Fatalities: A Decade of Experience - A Future of Promise*.

The National Maternal and Child Health Center for Child Death Review (CDR) is a program of the Michigan Public Health Institute. Services provided by the Center include, technical assistance, training and support to teams, creation of CDR support resources and tools, establishment of a national CDR report system, coordination with other mortality and morbidity reviews, collaboration with state and national child health, safety & protection programs and organizations and promoting CDR to national public and private organizations. They also provide such resources as; model legislation, protocols, training curricula, reporting software, guides to reviews, coordinator tools, prevention resources, expert consultation and mortality data.

Coordination of the National Symposium is provided by the Missouri Institute of Mental Health, Continuing Education Unit, a part of the University of Missouri-Columbia, School of Medicine.

## ENDORSED BY:

*Missouri Coroners and Medical Examiners Association*  
*National Center for Missing and Exploited Children*  
*Missouri Funeral Directors Association*  
*United States Department of Defense*  
*American Heart Association*  
*American Prosecutors Research Institute*  
*Missouri Sheriffs Association*  
*Missouri Police Chiefs Association*  
*Missouri Deputy Sheriffs Association*  
*National Funeral Directors Association*  
*Federal Bureau of Investigations*

## CLOSING PRESENTATION

**by: Richard Obershaw, MSW, ACSW**

In his presentation *Grief: Communicating with the Grieving*, Richard Obershaw masterfully talks about death and grief and how he specializes in helping survivors and professionals cope. He will specifically address communicating with those that have lost a child, including those that may have contributed to the cause of death. Dick has published several books on the subject of grief. He calls himself a serious humorist who feels we must laugh in order to learn.

## CO-SPONSORED BY:

*Finding Words Missouri*

*Missouri Children's Trust Fund*

*Children's Division,  
Missouri Department of Social Services*

*Continuing Education Unit - Missouri Institute of Mental Health,  
School of Health Professions & Sinclair School of Nursing,  
University of Missouri - Columbia*

## SCHEDULE

### Sunday – August 1, 2004

- 10:00 am**     **Registration**
- 12:30 pm**     **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Steve Roling*  
*One Voice Children's Choir, Destiny Church*  
*Lori Hauser Holden*  
*Stephanie Bryn*
- 1:15**           **Keynote Address**  
*Why Would Anyone Want to Review the Death of a Child?*  
*Coleen Kivlahan*
- 2:15**           **Symposium Purpose & Objectives**  
*Teri Covington*  
*Gus Kolilis*
- 2:30**           **Break**
- 3:00**           **Child Fatality Review: *Where we are – Where we need to be going***  
*Teri Covington*
- 4:00**           **Overcoming Barriers of Multidisciplinary CDRs: *Laws, Policies & Practices, Prosecution & Services***  
*Jerry Conner*  
*Maria Gomez*  
*Gus Kolilis*  
*Robert Livergood*  
*Douglas Paterson*
- 5:00 pm**     **Welcoming Reception**  
*Music by Request - Patty Crane*

### Monday – August 2, 2004

- 7:00 am**     **Continental Breakfast**  
**Final Registration**
- 8:00**           **Forensic Pediatrics: *Understanding Injuries Can Save Child Lives***  
*Timothy Kutz*
- 9:00**           **Forensic Pathology: *The Importance of the Autopsy to Child Death Review***  
*Mary Schmidt Case*
- 10:00**       **Break**
- 10:30**       **Child & Infant Death Scene Evaluations/Investigations**  
*Kathleen Diebold*
- 11:15**       **Elements of Effective Child Fatality Review**  
*Teri Covington*
- 12:15 pm**   **Hosted Luncheon**

### Monday – August 2, 2004 (Continued)

**1:30**

#### Breakouts/Roundtables #1

*Select one session from choices listed below. Mark your selection on the registration form.*

- 1A Department of Defense**  
*Lisa Schulze*
- 1B Sleeping Deaths**  
*James Kemp*  
*Patricia Tackitt*
- 1C Suicide and Youth Violence Deaths**  
*Stephanie Bryn*
- 1D Motor Vehicles Deaths**  
*Arlene Greenspan*
- 1E Fire and Drowning Deaths**  
*Debra McDermott*  
*Linda Stuckey*  
*Steve Wirtz*
- 1F Child Abuse and Neglect Deaths**  
*Alinda Dennis*  
*Wayne Munkel*  
*Kathryn Sapp*

**3:00**

#### Break

**3:30**

#### Breakouts/Roundtables #2

*Select one session from choices listed below. Mark your selection on the registration form.*

- 2A Tribal Issues**  
*Nancy Bill*  
*Judith Thierry*  
*Ernst Weyand*
- 2B Sleeping Deaths**  
*James Kemp*  
*Patricia Tackitt*
- 2C Suicide and Youth Violence Deaths**  
*Stephanie Bryn*
- 2D Motor Vehicles Deaths**  
*Arlene Greenspan*
- 2E Fire and Drowning Deaths**  
*Debra McDermott*  
*Linda Stuckey*  
*Steve Wirtz*
- 2F Child Abuse and Neglect Deaths**  
*Alinda Dennis*  
*Wayne Munkel*  
*Kathryn Sapp*

**5:00 pm**

#### Adjourn

7:00

### Optional Evening Investigative Workshops

Select one session from choices listed below. Mark your selection on the registration form.

**3A Cyber Predators: Beyond Child Pornography**

Rodney Jones  
Michael Stern

**3B An Introduction to “Finding Words”: Effective and Responsible Interviewing of Children**

Jerri Sites  
Susan Stoltz

9:00 pm Adjourn

**Tuesday – August 3, 2004**

7:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:00 Converting Facts & Data to Prevention

William Heberle  
Suzanne McCune  
Patti Schnitzer

9:00 The Next Level: National Support and Assistance for State and Local Panels

Teri Covington, Moderator

10:00 Break

10:30 National Data Collection & Data Tool Demo

State CDR Coordinators &  
National MCH Center for Child Death Review Staff

12:00 pm Hosted Luncheon

1:15 Grief: Communicating with the Grieving

Richard Obershaw

3:15- Summation and Adjournment

3:30 pm Teri Covington  
Gus Kolilis

## PRESENTERS

**Nancy Bill, MPH**, Injury Prevention and Control Specialist, Navajo Area Indian Health Service, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Division of Environmental Health Services, Rockville, Maryland  
**Stephanie Bryn, MPH**, Director, Injury and Violence Prevention Programs, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Rockville, Maryland

**Mary Schmidt Case, MD**, Chief Medical Examiner, St. Charles, St. Louis, Jefferson and Franklin Counties, Missouri; Co-Director, Division of Forensic Pathology, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

**Jerry Conner**, Chief Juvenile Officer, 44th Judicial Circuit, Mountain Grove, Missouri

**Theresa (Teri), Covington, MPH**, Director, National Maternal and Child Health Center for Child Death Review, Michigan Public Health Institute, Okemos, Michigan  
**Alinda Dennis, MSW**, Vice President, Community Initiatives, Heart of America United Way, Kansas City, Missouri

**Kathleen Diebold, MA**, Director, Forensic Operations/Child Death Specialist, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties Medical Examiner Office, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

**Maria Gomez, BA**, Sergeant, Bureau of Crimes Against Persons, Division of Criminal Investigations, St. Louis County Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri

**Arlene Greenspan, PhD**, Senior Epidemiologist, Motor Vehicle Team, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia

**William Heberle, BS**, Executive Director, Missouri Children's Trust Fund, Jefferson City, Missouri

**Lori Hauser Holden**, First Lady of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri

**Rodney Jones, BS**, Investigations Administrator, State Technical Assistance Team, Division of Legal Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, Missouri

**James Kemp, MD**, Associate Professor, Pediatrics, Division of Pulmonary Medicine, Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital; Secondary Associate Professor, Department of Community Health, School of Public Health, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

**Coleen Kivlahan, MD**, Medical Director, Fantus Health Center, Chicago, Illinois

**Gus Kolilis, BS**, Chief, State Technical Assistance Team; Deputy Director, Division of Legal Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, Missouri

**Timothy Kutz, MD**, Director, Child Protection Division, Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital; Assistant Professor, St. Louis University, School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri

**Robert Livergood, JD**, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office, St. Louis, Missouri

**Suzanne McCune, LCSW**, Child Fatality Prevention Coordinator, State Technical Assistance Team, Division of Legal Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, St. Louis, Missouri

**Debra McDermott, BS**, CFRP Metro Case Coordinator-St. Louis City and County, State Technical Assistance Team, Division of Legal Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, St. Louis, Missouri

**Wayne Munkel, MSW, LCSW**, Supervisor, Social Services, SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri

**Richard Obershaw, MSW**, Founder, Director and Psychotherapist, Grief Center, Burnsville, Minnesota



## **PRESENTERS CONTINUED**

**Douglas Paterson, MPA**, Director, Bureau of Child and Family Programs, Michigan Department of Community Health, Lansing, Michigan

**Steve Roling, MSW**, Director, Missouri Department of Social Services (Children's Division, Family Support Division, Division of Medical Services, Division of Youth Services, and four other support divisions), Jefferson City, Missouri

**Kathryn Sapp, MSW**, Social Service Manager, Child Abuse and Neglect and Family-Centered Services Policy Unit, Children's Division, Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, Missouri

**Patricia (Patti) Schnitzer, PhD**, Research Assistant Professor/Epidemiologist, Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri

**Lisa, Schulze, JD**, Program Manager, Department of Defense Family Advocacy Incentive Program, Arlington, Virginia

**Jerri Sites, BA**, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri; Program Director, Finding Words Missouri; Vice President, Child Advocacy Services, Community Treatment, Inc, Festus, Missouri

**Michael Stern**, Computer Investigative Specialist, Investigator III, State Technical Assistance Team, Division of Legal Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, Missouri

**Susan Stoltz, BA**, Investigator III, State Technical Assistance Team, Division of Legal Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, Missouri

**Linda Stuckey, MS**, Field Advisor, National Fire Protection Association Risk Watch, Columbia, Mississippi

**Patricia Tackitt, RN, MS**, FIMR Coordinator, Child and Adolescent Health Section, Michigan Public Health Institute, Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Judith Thierry, DO**, Maternal and Child Health Coordinator, Indian Health Service Headquarters, Rockville, Maryland

**Ernst Weyand, BS**, Supervisory Special Agent, Indian Country Unit, Violent Crimes Section, FBI Headquarters, Washington, DC

**Steve Wirtz, PhD**, Research Scientist II, Program Manager, Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control Branch, California Department of Health Services, Sacramento, California

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Maurine Hill**, Co-Chair, Child Fatality Review Program Manager, State Technical Assistance Team, Division of Legal Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, Missouri

**Gus Kolilis, BS**, See Presenters

**Lori Corteville, MS**, Senior Data Analyst, Michigan Public Health Institute, Okemos, Michigan

**Theresa (Teri) Covington, MPH**, See Presenters

**Connie Cunningham, MPH**, Director of Legislation, Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, Missouri

**Shirley Farrah, PhD, MSN, RN-BC**, Assistant Dean, Nursing Outreach and Distance Education and Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, Sinclair School of Nursing, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri

**Valodi Foster, MPH**, Coordinator for Prevention, Training and Technical Assistance, Child Maltreatment Surveillance Team, California Department of Health Services, Sacramento, California

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**John Kretschmann, MA**, Director, Continuing Education, Missouri Institute of Mental Health, University of Missouri-Columbia, St. Louis, Missouri

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**Holly Otto, BS**, Child Death Specialist, State Technical Assistance Team, Division of Legal Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, Missouri

**Sara Rich, MPA**, Project Coordinator, National Maternal and Child Health Center for Child Death Review, Michigan Public Health Institute, Okemos, Michigan

**Kathryn Sapp, MSW**, See Presenters

**Patricia (Patti) Schnitzer, PhD**, See Presenters

**Bonnie Sekenske, RN**, Director, National Healthcare Accounts, Emergency Cardiovascular Care Programs, American Heart Association, Dallas, Texas

**Harry Williams, JD**, Director, State Technical Assistance Team, Division of Legal Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, Missouri

## **ACCREDITATION**

The University of Missouri-Columbia will be responsible for this program. The School of Health Professions (SHP) will award 20 contact hours (2 CEUs) for this activity. The SHP credit will fulfill Clinical Social Work, Nursing, and Psychologist licensure requirements in the State of Missouri. Attendees with licensure from other states are responsible for seeking appropriate continuing education credit, from their respective boards, for completing this program.

Special Investigative Workshops will qualify for 2 hours of Skill Development POST-training credit for law enforcement personnel through the Missouri Police Chief's Association.

University of Missouri-Columbia Sinclair School of Nursing is accredited as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. 18.9 contact hours will be awarded to all individuals who attend at least 80% of this activity. Excludes Optional Evening Investigative Workshops on Monday, August 2, 2004. An additional 2.4 contact hours will be awarded to all individuals who attend at least 80% of the Optional Evening Investigative Workshops on Monday, August 2, 2004.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Registration Fee

The program registration fee is \$350. The fee includes all instruction, continuing professional education credit, handout materials, networking reception, scheduled meal functions and refreshment breaks.

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### Symposium and Sleeping Rooms

The symposium will be held at the Sheraton West Port Hotel Lakeside Chalet, St. Louis, Missouri. A block of sleeping rooms has been set aside at the special rate of \$93 single/\$103 double plus tax. The cut-off date for sleeping rooms at the special rate is July 12, 2004. You may call 314.878.1500 or toll free at 1.800.822.3535 to make reservations. When making reservations, be sure to refer to the Child Fatality Review Program.

### Airport Shuttle

The Sheraton West Port Hotel Lakeside Chalet provides a complimentary airport shuttle, which runs every half-hour from 6:30 am to 11:00 pm daily (on the hour and half-hour). When you reach Lambert International Airport, go to Exit MT-18 near the baggage claim area and watch for the hotel's van. If you arrive in the East Terminal, go to Exit ET-15.

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### Dress

Dress is business casual. Temperatures vary in meeting rooms; you may consider dressing in layers.

### Special Needs

The Missouri Institute of Mental Health, University of Missouri-Columbia complies with the guidelines set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you notify us at 314.644.8803 as soon as possible, reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.



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